THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The information to the Question is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

Development of horticulture crops in Andhra Pradesh

1670. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected some areas in Andhra Pradesh for development of horticulture crops which have an export potential;

(b) if so, the details of such horticulture crops; and

(c) the incentives being extended for propagation of such crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The crops covered include mango, cashew and grapes.

(c) Incentives being provided both by the centre and the State Governments by way of subsidy in planting material for area expansion and for rejuvenation of old plantation, fertilisers, plant protection chemicals, training of farmers, etc. for improving productivity and quality. In addition, the National Horticulture Board is providing assistance in term of soft loan for development of infrastructure for post harvest handling and marketing of produce both for domestic and export market.

ECO-Friendly pesticides

1671. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented any scheme to propagate eco-friendly pesticides in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose in 1995-96; and

(c) the amount spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme entitled "Integrated Pese Management Centres" in the country including Andhra Pradesh to propagate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach. The IPM is a broad ecological approach employing all available methods and techniques of pest control such as cultural, mechanical, biological and use of eco friendly pesticides. In Andhra Pradesh, 2 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres located at Hyderabad and Vijayawada are engaged in promoting IPM approach among the farmers and extension officers.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 41.04 lakhs has been proposed for the year 1995-96 against the expected expenditure of 35.90 lakhs during 1994-95.

Projection of demand for foodgrains

1672. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any demand projection of foodgrains during the coming five years in view of the rate of population growth in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what strategy has been formulated by Government to attain the estimated foodgrains requirement in the country during the next five years or so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The demand of foodgrains for human consumption during 1994 was provisionally estimated to be about 152.35 million tonnes. Besides, the demand for seed, feed and wastage was estimated as 22.76 million tonnes. Thus total demand for foodgrains in 1994 was placed at 175.11 million tonnes. The demand for foodgrains in the next five years is likely to increase at the rate of 2.5-2.7 per annum depending upon the rate of increase in population and per capita income.